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Proceedings  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE  
OF  
North Carolina and Tennessee.  
For 1811.

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## Proceedings.

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*AGREEABLY to an Order made by the  
Most Worshipful His Excellency Ben-  
jamin Smith, Esq. Governor, Captain  
General and Commander in Chief in and  
over the State of N. Carolina, GRAND  
MASTER OF MASONS: The GRAND  
LODGE of NORTH-CAROLINA AND  
TENNESSEE, convened in their Lodge  
Room in the City of Raleigh, on the  
Evening of*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, }  
A. L. 5811, A. D. 1811. }

WHEN WERE PRESENT,

THE Most Worshipful His Excellency BENJAMIN SMITH,  
Esq. Governor, &c. GRAND MASTER.

R. W. ROBERT WILLIAMS, D. G. M.

R. W. CALVIN JONES, G. S. W.

R. W. GEORGE L. DAVIDSON, G. J. W.

R. W. ALEXANDER LUCAS, G. S. *pro. tem.*

R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, G. T.

Brother THOMAS TAYLOR, G. S. D.

Brother ALLEN ROGERS, G. J. D.

Brother THOMAS POUND, G. TYLER.

## PROCEEDINGS.

### MEMBER.

Brother Gen. Montfort Stokes,

### VISITORS.

Brothers Moses Mordecai, Daniel L. Barringer, William Hill,  
John S. Jordan, John T. C. Wyatt, Willis Rogers, Joshua  
Sugg, Richard Ligon, William H. Williams, Christopher  
Christophers and Jeremiah Dunn.

### REPRESENTATIVES

FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES, *to wit* :

- PHÆNIX, No. 8. *Fayetteville*, Brother John A. Cameron.  
JOHNSON CASWELL, No. 10. *Warrenton*, Brother W. C. Miller.  
PANSOPHIA, No. 25. *Moore*, Bro's. A. McNeille and A. Jones.  
MOUNT MORIA, No. 27. *Iredell*, Brothers George L. Davidson  
and Joseph Guy.  
DAVIE, No. 39. *Bertie*, Brother William Sparkman.  
HIRAM, No. 40. *Raleigh*, Brothers Allen Rogers, Thomas Hen-  
derson and Mark Cooke.  
GREENSVILLE, No. 43. *Tennessee*, Brothers William Boylan and  
Robert Williams.  
LIBERTY, No. 45. *Wilkesborough*, Brothers Edmund Jones and  
Jesse Allen.  
ORANGE, No. 47. *Lincoln*, Brother William Boylan.  
NEWPORT, No. 50. *Tennessee*, Brother William Boylan.  
KING SOLOMON, No. 52. *Gallatin, (Tenn.)* Brothers Robert  
Williams and William Boylan.  
HALL, No. 53. *Currituck*, Brother Brickhouse Bell.  
KING SOLOMON, No. 56. *Northampton*, Brother Corn. Moore.  
ST. ANDREWS, (by dispensation) *Louisburg*, Brothers Alexan-  
der Falconer and Benjamin F. Hawkins.  
CONCORD, (by dispensation) *Tarborough*, Brother A. Falconer.  
ORDERED, That the Charter of the following Lodge be dis-  
solved, to wit : *Federal Lodge, Pitt County.*



The Charter of *Old Cone Lodge*, No. 9, Salisbury, was surrendered.

AN ADDRESS

From the R. W. GRAND MASTER was read, to wit :

*“ To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the States of North-Carolina and Tennessee.*

“ In pursuance to the wish heretofore expressed, the Grand Master lays before this Grand Lodge, such abstracts from various communications produced to him by the Grand Secretary, having been received since the last annual communication, as appear to require the particular attention of the Lodge. These are very few, viz. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have disapproved of the new Grand Lodge of South-Carolina, as appears more fully by the Minutes of their proceedings at the Grand Quarterly Communication, 3d December 5810.

“ The Grand Lodge of Virginia, at their Annual Communication in the same month, still adhere to the opinion expressed in Dec’r. 1800, respecting the subject of a National Grand Lodge ; but have passed Resolutions well worthy the attention of this Grand Lodge, one of which expresses an opinion that it is extremely expedient and proper, that a Grand Convention of Masons should be convened at Washington, for the purpose of recommending an uniform mode of carrying on the Great Work of the Craft in the different degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.

“ The said Grand Lodge of Virginia have also by a Resolution, expressed their opinion unanimously, that the complaint of this Lodge against the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for constituting by Charter a Lodge or Lodges within our jurisdiction, appears to be well founded, and by another unanimous Resolution recommended that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, harmonise with the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tennessee, by recalling or with-

drawing the Charter or Charters, alledged to have improperly interfered with our rights.

" BENJAMIN SMITH, G. M.

" *November 21, A. L. 5811.*"

ORDERED, That a Charter issue, constituting a Lodge in Louisville, by the name of St. Andrews, No. 57; directed to *Alexander Falconer, Master; William Moore, S. W. and Green Hills jun. J. W.*

ORDERED, That a Charter issue constituting a Lodge at Tarborough, named *Concord*, No. 58, directed to *Alexander Falconer, Master, Nathan Mathewson, S. W. and Ed. D. McNair, J. W.*

ORDERED, That Brothers Calvin Jones, Montfort Stokes and George Lee Davidson, be appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's Books, &c. and make a Report.

ORDERED, That Brothers George L. Davidson, M. Stokes, William Miller, Calvin Jones, and John A. Cameron, be appointed a committee to examine and report on all communications, &c. made to this Grand Lodge.

*Stokes Lodge*, No. 32, in Cabarrus County made a formal surrender of the Charter of said Lodge. Accepted, &c.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned until Friday Evening the 29th instant.

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1811.**

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment;

WHEN WERE PRESENT,

THE Most Worshipful His Excellency BENJAMIN SMITH,  
GRAND MASTER.

R. W. ROBERT WILLIAMS, D. G. M.

R. W. CALVIN JONES, G. S. W.

R. W. GEORGE L. DAVIDSON, G. J. W.

R. W. ALEXANDER LUCAS, G. S. *pro tem.*

R. W. WILLIAM BOYLAN, G. T.



## PROCEEDINGS.

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Brother EDMUND JONES, G. S. D.  
Brother ALLEN ROGERS, G. J. D.  
Brother THOMAS POUND, G. Tyler.

### MEMBER.

Brother Montfort Stokes.

### VISITORS.

Brothers Moses Mordecai, Daniel L. Barringer, John T. C. Wiatt,  
Richard Ligon, Jeremiah Dunn, &c. &c.

## REPRESENTATIVES

FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES, to wit :

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, *Wilmington*, Brother W. W. Jones.  
ROYAL WHITE HEART, No. 2, *Halifax*, Bro. W. B. Lockhart.  
PHOENIX, No. 8, *Fayetteville*, Bro's Jas. Owen and J. A. Cameron.  
MOUNT MORIA, No. 27, *Iredell*, Brothers George L. Davidson,  
and Joseph Guy.  
ST. TAMMANY, No. 30, *Wilmington*, Brother Wm. W. Jones.  
DAVIE LODGE, No. 39, *Bertie*, Brother William Sparkman.  
HIRAM LODGE, No. 40, *Raleigh*, Brothers Allen Rogers, Thomas Henderson and Mark Cook.  
GREENVILLE, No. 3, of *Tennessee*, Brothers William Boylan and Robert Williams.  
LIBERTY, No. 45, *Wilkesborough*, Brothers Edmund Jones and J. Allen.  
ORANGE, No. 47, *Lincoln*, Brother William Boylan.  
NEWPORT, No. 50, *Tennessee*, Brothers Robert Williams and William Boylan.  
KING SOLOMON, No. 52, *Gallatin, (Tenn.)* Brothers William Boylan and Robert Williams.  
UNANIMITY, No. 54, *Edenton*, Brother John B. Blount.  
HIRAM, No. 55, *Gallatin (Tenn.)* Brothers William Boylan and Robert Williams.  
KING SOLOMON, No. 56, *Northampton Court-House*, Brother Caneilus Moore.

**LODGE** (by dispensation) in *Plymouth*, Washington County, Brother Jeremiah Slade.

**ST. ANDREW'S LODGE**, (by dispensation) *Louisburg*, Brother Benjamin F. Hawkins.

*This Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form.*

**YOUNG EAGLE LODGE**, No. 49, in Martin County, made to this Grand Lodge a formal surrender of its Charter, which surrender was accepted.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously ordered to be returned to Doctor *Thomas B. Gloster*, of Warrenton, for the present of a valuable Masonic Book, which was accepted; as well as for his communication in writing made to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

**ORDERED**, That a notice issue to Williams Lodge, No. 44, in Randolph County, to appear at the next Grand Annual Communication, and shew cause, if any they have, why its charter shall not be arrested, and said Lodge dissolved for non-payment of dues.

**ORDERED**, That a Charter issue constituting a Lodge, at Plymouth, Washington county, to be called Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, and directed to *John Ewing Parker*, as Master; *Joseph Bozman*, Senior Warden and *Alpheus Paddelford*, Junior Warden.

**ORDERED**, That a committee consisting of Brothers Calvin Jones, Alexander Lucas and William Boylan, be appointed to meet such committee as may hereafter be appointed by Hi'am Lodge, No. 40, of the city of Raleigh, for the purpose of conferring upon the expediency of erecting a Masonic Hall in said city, and that they report to this Grand Lodge at its next Grand Annual Communication.

**ORDERED**, That the sum of ten pounds, erroneously charged against Mount Moria Lodge, No. 27, Iredell, on account of a second or duplicate charter, be remitted.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had performed that duty ; that they had found the accounts correct, and that there remained in the Treasurer's hands, the sum of 452/ 3s 6d (four hundred and fifty two pounds three shillings and six pence.)

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were unanimously elected.

The Most Worshipful ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq. Attorney at Law in the City of Raleigh, *Grand Master*.

The Right Worshipful Doctor CALVIN JONES, Adjutant General of the Militia of this State, *Grand Senior Warden*.

The Right Worshipful GEORGE LEE DAVIDSON, Esq. Member of the House of Representatives from Iredell County, *Grand Junior Warden*.

The Right Worshipful ALEXANDER LUCAS, *Grand Secretary*, and

The Right Worshipful WILLIAM BOYLAN, *Grand Treasurer*.

Who were severally installed in due and solemn form, according to the ancient usages of Masonry.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master ROBERT WILLIAMS, Esq. then, by virtue of his office, made the following appointments :

The Right Worshipful JEREMIAH SLADE, a member of the Senate of the Legislature of North-Carolina from Martin County, *Deputy Grand Master*.

Brother Colonel EDMUND JONES, a member of the Legislature of North-Carolina from Wilkes County, *Grand Senior Deacon*.

Brother ALLEN ROGERS. Esq. of Wake County and Master of Hiram Lodge in the city of Raleigh, *Grand Senior, Deacon*.

Brother Brigadier General WILLIAM W. JONES, of the town of Wilmington, *Grand Pursuivant*.

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Brother Doctor THOMAS B. GLOSTER, Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason, of Warrenton, *Grand Marshal.*

Brother ATLAS JONES, Attorney at law and Member of the Legislature of this State from Moore County, *G. Sword Bearer.*

Brother THOMAS POUND, *Grand Tyler.*

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Right Worshipful *Benjamin Smith* Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of that important office.

The GRAND LODGE was then closed in harmony and peace, and adjourned *sine die.*

TEST,

ALEXANDER LUCAS,

*Grand Secretary.*

## *Communication.*

THE following communication, from a Convention of the Tennessee Lodges, was received after the close of the last Grand Annual Communication, and is now, by the Grand Master, ordered to be published for the information of the subordinate Lodges :

### CONVENTION.

KNOXVILLE, STATE OF TENNESSEE,

*December 4th, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.*

To the Right Worshipful Brother Robert Williams, Deputy  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Brother,

The several Lodges in this State having assembled in Convention, pursuant to notice, for the important purpose of taking into consideration the propriety as well necessity of establishing a Grand Lodge, and having after due deliberation determined that the state of society here as also the well being of the Craft in particular require that such establishment should take place : All which will more fully appear by a reference to the address and other proceedings herewith transmitted :

And the delegates from the respective Lodges, Brother, who form the present Convention, recollecting with the liveliest sensibility and gratitude the many services which you have from time to time rendered the respective Lodges they now represent, as well as the fidelity and brotherly affection you have at all times and in every instance manifested, have thought proper to inclose to you an exact transcript of their proceedings, together with an address to the Grand Lodge, as above alluded to, soliciting their assent to the several objects therein contained.

The Convention, well knowing your sincere attachment to the Craft in general and particularly to these lodges, which you yourself have been peculiarly instrumental in rearing up, indulge the pleasing hope that you will lay the enclosed proceedings and address before the Grand Lodge. And they do moreover, Brother, request and authorise you to act in their behalf and to do whatever you may think right concerning the premises and for the welfare of the respective Lodges and Craft in this state, who have the honor now to address you through the present Convention.

Accept, Brother, our warmest and most affectionate wishes for your present and future happiness.

And be assured that it is with the highest regard and consideration we subscribe ourselves,

Your friends and brethren,

*Signed by order and unanimous consent,*

STEPHEN BROOKS, *Chairman.*

ATTEST,

JNO. A. ROGERS, *Secretary of the Convention.*

KNOXVILLE, DECEMBER 2nd,

A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

PURSUANT to a resolution of Hiram Lodge, No. 53, of North Carolina, and acceded to by the different Lodges in the State, "That a Convention of Ancient York Masons be held at Knoxville, on the first Monday in December next, for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge in this state," the following brothers, from the Lodges enumerated, produced their appointments as Delegates, &c. *to wit* :

From Tennessee Lodge,	No. 2.	{	Br's George Wilson, and
			William Kelly.
Greenville	"	" 3.	Stephen Brooks.
New Port	"	" 4.	Edward Scott.
Overton	"	{	John A. Rogers and
			John Williams.
King Solomon	"	" 6.	John Hall,
Hiram	"	" 7.	Archibald Potter.



Who formed a convention and adopted the following resolutions, to wit :—

“ 1st. *Resolved*, That Bro. STEPHEN BROOKS be chairman, and Bro. JOHN A. RODGERS, secretary of this convention.

“ 2nd. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this convention, the number of Ancient York Masons in this State, and the state of Society in Tennessee, require the formation of a G. Lodge within the same, for the better regulation and extension of the craft.

“ 3d. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of constituting a Grand Lodge, in the opinion of this convention it will be necessary for the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the different Lodges represented in the same, or delegates appointed by the Lodges, respectively being Masters of the Craft, to meet at Knoxville on the second Monday in August next, for the purpose of forming a Constitution and Bye Laws for the government of a Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to elect officers thereof, and further to do what may be necessary to its operation.

“ 4th. *Resolved*, as the opinion of this Convention, that all Master Masons, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in this state, be admitted for the purpose of giving their aid and assistance at the time of forming the Constitution for the government of the Grand Lodge, (the object of which is to have the benefit of all the light which can be thrown on so important a subject,) notwithstanding such brethren may not be entitled to a vote on the above occasion.

“ 5th. *Resolved*, That the letter to Brother Robert Williams, and the address of this convention to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, together with a transcript of their proceedings, be signed by the secretary and sent under cover to the said Bro'r Williams, for the purpose of laying the same before the G. Lodge.

Signed, by unanimous consent,

STEPHEN BROOKS, *Chairman*.

Attest,

JOHN A. ROGERS, *Secretary of the Convention*.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE,  
DECEMBER 4th, A. D. 1811, A. L. 5811.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and other Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tennessee.

A convention of Ancient York Masons, consisting of a delegation from all the Lodges in this State working under your jurisdiction, having convened at Knoxville on the second day of December, A. L. 5811, A. D. 1811, pursuant to a request of Hiram Lodge No. 55 of North-Carolina, and No. 7 of Tennessee, after the most mature deliberation on the situation of the fraternity in the state of Tennessee, have decided that the state of society, the number of Lodges and the interest of the craft require the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the State. Not wishing, however, to take so important a step without the approbation of our mother Lodge, we have had a view to her wishes (so far as we could anticipate them from communications heretofore received) in all our proceedings.

We believe that we are ripe for the important change contemplated and that the fraternity generally, throughout the state, will receive a valuable acquisition of members from the establishment of a General Lodge here, and other valuable Lodges will be planted in various parts of the State, whereby the laudable principles of our Order will be disseminated, the craft advanced and many valuable links added to the fraternal chain.

The necessity of the measure is strongly pointed out by our remote situation from our parent Lodge.

The salutary lectures, admonitions and advices of our Grand Master are not so well calculated to reclaim thoughtless Brethren (of whom alas all societies have some) from aberrations which border closely on indiscretion, from indiscretions nearly allied to folly and vice, when administered through the medium of a proxy as they would be provided they came to us immediately

from our Grand Master himself or some other valuable member of the Grand Lodge.

We have in our proceedings endeavored to comply with the intimations given by our much esteemed Brother Robert Williams, Deputy Grand Master, in a communication to Tennessee Lodge No. 2, of Tennessee, and No. 41 of North Carolina, which is now the oldest Lodge in this state under your jurisdiction, the opinion and wishes of which we are informed by said communication: we have thought proper, therefore, to say in this place that there is an entire unanimity of opinion on the subject between all the Lodges represented in this convention as will appear more fully by the Resolution herewith transmitted.

The premises being considered we confidently hope that our proceedings will meet the cordial approbation of our Mother Lodge under whose fostering care the craft has been planted and cherished to manhood in our infant state.

We solicit also in the genuine spirit of fraternal affection the friendly assistance and advice of our parent Lodge in the prosecution of our grand design and respectfully request that our M. W. G. Master, by himself or proxy may attend and give his aid to the organization of our Grand Lodge.

We cannot conclude this address without bringing a sincere tribute to the altar of gratitude by the unfeigned expression of our high sense of the paternal patronage extended to the craft in our land. We hope we have brought an acceptable offering.

And respectfully subscribe your sincere friends and brethren,

STEPHEN BROOKS, Chairmain.

Signed and countersigned by order of the Convention.

ATTEST,

JNO. H. ROGERS, Secretary.

# A LIST OF LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

---

St. John,	No. 1, Wilmington,
Royal White Heart.	2, Halifax,
St. John,	3, Newbern,
Royal Edwin,	5, Windsor,
Phoenix,	8, Fayetteville,
Johnston Caswell,	10, Warrenton,
Washington,	15, Beaufort county.
American George,	17, Murfreesborough.
King Solomon,	18, Jones county.
Hiram,	24, Williamsborough, Granville.
Pansophia,	25, Moore county.
Mount Moria,	27, Iredell county,
St. Tammany,	30, Wilmington.
Phalanx,	31, Charlotte, Mecklenburg C'ty.
Freeland,	33, Rowan county.
Davie,	39, Bertie county.
Hiram,	40, City of Raleigh.
Tennessee, (No. 2, Tenn.)	41, Knoxville.
Greenville, (No. 3, Tenn.)	43, Greenville, (Tennessee.)
Williams,	44, Johnstonville, Randolph C'ty.
Liberty,	45, Wilkesborough, Wilkes C'ty.
Social,	46, Pittsborough. Chatham C'ty.
Orange,	47, Lincoln county.
Taylor,	48, Beaufort.
Newport, (No. 4, Tenn.)	50, Newport, (Tennessee.)
Overton, (No. 5, Tenn.)	51, Rogersville, (Tennessee.)
King Solomon, (No. 6, Tenn.)	52, Town of Gallatin, (Tenn.)
Hall,	53, Indian Town, Currituck C'ty.
Unanimity,	54, Edenton.
Hiram, (No. 7, Tennessee.)	55, Town of Franklin, (Tenn.)
King Solomon,	56, Northampton Court-House.
St. Andrew's,	57, Louisburg, Franklin county.
Concord,	58, Tarborough.
Perseverance,	59, Plymouth, Washington C'ty.

TEST,

ALEXANDER LUCAS,

Grand Secretary.





